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Response B Under Rule 116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 28, 2003. Regarding the §103 rejection based on the combination of Dunster et al and Grasso et al, the Examiner has noted correctly that Applicant must provide a statement that the subject application and the Grasso et al reference were commonly owned or subject to an obligation of assignment at the time the invention described in the subject application was made. The required statement is contained on page 2 of this response.

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The invention described in USSN 09/490,679, now abandoned, and in co-pending divisional application USSN 10/091,223; and U.S. Patent No. 6,274,259 Grasso et al were, at the time the invention described in the aforesaid USSN 09/490,679 and USSN 10/091,223 patent applications was made, commonly owned by International Fuel Cells, LLC and/or subject to an obligation of assignment to International Fuel Cells, LLC.